

Expression of Interest (EOI)- Lands in Lea Co., NM

Respectfully request nomination of the following tracts:

Township 20 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, NM

- Section 8: E/2 W/2, NW/4 NE/4, W/2 SE/4
- Section 9: All

Thank you for the consideration.

EOI 201707- 841

NM Lea Co

T20S-R32E



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1 message

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Thu, May 26, 2016 at 2:52 PM

To: "gbaca@blm.gov" <gbaca@blm.gov>

Gloria,

I respectfully request nomination of unleased Federal tracts in Lea County, NM in the next available lease sale. In the interest of keeping the nomination confidential, the specific legal descriptions for the tracts are included in the attachment.

We recognize the above lands are included within areas proposed for designation as areas of critical environment concern (ACEC). We know that the ACEC nomination prevents BLM taking any action that would cause the area to be degraded. In this case we would proposed that you condition the lease by allowing no surface occupancy which will protect the purpose of the ACEC proposal.

We believe these lands are accessible by wells that can be placed on proposed potash drill islands to the north. Currently these wells are planned as 1+ mile locations that could be extended to access these nominated lands with no surface disturbance whatsoever. Please see attached plats that show current plan vs. proposed plan that includes these proposed nominated tracts.

In addition, the long awaited draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) will be available before the auction date for these lands. With the release of the draft RMP we will know the preferred alternative proposed for the ACEC and that will allow any necessary conditions for the lease to be determined before the auction and added to the lease terms.

We urge you to evaluate these lands given our proposal and the pending release of the RMP draft. Please do not reject them from consideration for a lease sale just because they are in a proposed ACEC area.

Thank you,

Ashley Roush, RPL**Landman****COG OPERATING LLC****One Concho Center****600 W. Illinois Ave**